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SUBJECT: LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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1. NEW THAI LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ANOTHER TRADE RESTRICTION. THEY ARE IN NO REPEAT NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE RECENT INCREASE IN EXCISE DUTIES ON EXPOSED FILM.

2. NEW REGULATIONS WERE INTRODUCED TO PREVENT SMUGGLING OFSALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INTO THE KINGDOM. THIS HAS BEEN AN INTRACTABLE PROBLEM FOR THE RTG FOR MANY YEARS, AND REPS OF FRENCH, UK AND JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS WITH WHOM EMBOFFS SPOKE DID NOT THINK THEIR INDUSTRIES WOULD OBJECT TO NEW REQUIREMENTS. THEY ALL SAID THAT THEIR THAI DISTRIBUTORS WERE DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THE PROCEDURES. THEY ALL THOUGHT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONSIDER THE NEW RESTRICTIONS AS PROTECTIONIST, BUT WOULD RATHER SEE THEM AS AN HONEST EFFORT BY THE THAI EXCISE DEPARTMENT TO CORRECT AN EVIL.

3. LABELING REQUIREMENTS ARE CURRENTLY APPLICABLE ONLY TO GRAPE BRANDIES AND WHISKIES (STRAIGHT AND BLENDED). EXCISE TAXES ON THESE TWO TYPES OF LIQUOR WERE RECENTLY REDUCED, AND THE DISTRIBUTORS SEE THE NEW LABELING REQUIREMENT AS AN ADDED UNCLASSIFIED

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MEASURE FOR THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST COMPETITION FROM SMUGGLERS.

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